IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A chucking apparatus ~~according to claim 1~~ in which a plurality of pawl bodies are provided in a radial direction of a hub body of a turntable such that said pawl bodies can move, a center hole of a disk is pressed by said pawl bodies to hold said disk, wherein:

said chucking apparatus comprises a resilient member for biasing said pawl bodies outward of said hub body,

each of said pawl bodies includes a pawl portion which comes into contact with said disk, and a pawl-side stopper for limiting outward movement of said pawl bodies caused by said resilient member,

said hub body includes a pawl opening through which said pawl portion can project outward, and a hub-side stopper which abuts against said pawl-side stopper, and

a coil spring is used as said resilient member, and an outer end of said coil spring is provided at a location lower than an inner end of said coil spring, wherein ~~the coil spring is used as said resilient member,~~ said pawl body includes a rear end surface against which the outer end of said coil spring abuts, said rear end surface includes a first surface against which said upper portion of said coil spring abuts and a second surface against which a lower portion of said coil

spring abuts, and an angel between said first surface and said second surface is changed such that a boundary portion between said first surface and said second surface becomes a convex portion.

3. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A chucking apparatus ~~according to claim 1~~ in which a plurality of pawl bodies are provided in a radial direction of a hub body of a turntable such that said pawl bodies can move, a center hole of a disk is pressed by said pawl bodies to hold said disk, wherein:

said chucking apparatus comprises a resilient member for biasing said pawl bodies outward of said hub body,

each of said pawl bodies includes a pawl portion which comes into contact with said disk, and a pawl-side stopper for limiting outward movement of said pawl bodies caused by said resilient member,

said hub body includes a pawl opening through which said pawl portion can project outward, and a hub-side stopper which abuts against said pawl-side stopper, and

a coil spring is used as said resilient member, and an outer end of said coil spring is provided at a location lower than an inner end of said coil spring, wherein ~~the coil spring is used as said resilient member,~~ said pawl body includes a rear end surface against which the outer end of said coil spring abuts, said rear end surface includes a first surface against which said upper portion of said coil spring abuts and a second surface against which a lower portion of said coil spring abuts, and said first surface and said second surface are substantially in parallel to each other and they have steps.

4. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A chucking apparatus ~~according to claim 1~~ in which a plurality of pawl bodies are provided in a radial direction of a hub body of a turntable such that said pawl bodies can move, a center hole of a disk is pressed by said pawl bodies to hold said disk, wherein:

said chucking apparatus comprises a resilient member for biasing said pawl bodies outward of said hub body,

each of said pawl bodies includes a pawl portion which comes into contact with said disk, and a pawl-side stopper for limiting outward movement of said pawl bodies caused by said resilient member,

said hub body includes a pawl opening through which said pawl portion can project outward, and a hub-side stopper which abuts against said pawl-side stopper, and

a coil spring is used as said resilient member, and an outer end of said coil spring is provided at a location lower than an inner end of said coil spring, wherein ~~the coil spring is used as said resilient member,~~ said pawl body includes a rear end surface against which the outer end of said coil spring abuts, said rear end surface includes a first surface against which said upper portion of said coil spring abuts and a second surface against which a lower portion of said coil spring abuts, an axial direction of said coil spring in a state where said coil spring is in abutment against said first surface and an axial direction of said coil spring in a state where said coil spring is in abutment against said second surface are different.

5. (Previously Presented) The chucking apparatus according to claim 2, wherein in a state where said upper portion of said coil spring is in abutment against an upper portion of said rear end surface, a surface of said upper portion is perpendicular to a center line of said coil spring.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus using the chucking apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said disk apparatus comprises a chassis outer sheath including a base body and a lid, a front surface of said chassis outer sheath is formed with a disk inserting opening in which a disk is directly inserted, a traverse provided on said base body holds a spindle motor and a pickup, an upper surface of said spindle motor includes said turntable, and said traverse is moved toward and away from said base body.

9. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus using the chucking apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said disk apparatus comprises a chassis outer sheath including a base body and a lid, a front surface of said chassis outer sheath is formed with a disk inserting opening in which a disk is directly inserted, a traverse provided on said base body holds a spindle motor and a pickup, an upper surface of said spindle motor includes said turntable, and said traverse is moved toward and away from said base body.

10. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus using the chucking apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said disk apparatus comprises a chassis outer sheath including a base body and a lid, a front surface of said chassis outer sheath is formed with a disk inserting opening in which a disk is directly inserted, a traverse provided on said base body holds a spindle motor and a

pickup, an upper surface of said spindle motor includes said turntable, and said traverse is moved toward and away from said base body.

11. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus using the chucking apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said disk apparatus comprises a chassis outer sheath including a base body and a lid, a front surface of said chassis outer sheath is formed with a disk inserting opening in which a disk is directly inserted, a traverse provided on said base body holds a spindle motor and a pickup, an upper surface of said spindle motor includes said turntable, and said traverse is moved toward and away from said base body.

12. (Canceled).